

We Welcome You . . .



Open House

November 21 and 22, 1953

1 P. M.—5 P. M. and 7 P. M.—9 P. M.

The Fairbury Hospital
A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

A Tribute to Community Spirit...

If there is a lesson to be learned from following the growth of the Fairbury hospital, it would seem to be this. The hospital has grown from a two-room upstairs nursing home to the prominent structure it is today by being nurtured on the spirit of a community. Planted by one generation, the idea has been cultivated by the stronger hands of another generation, and both may yet see it blossom and receive the fruits that its being bears.

The Fairbury hospital has risen not from government subsidies, federal loans or from currying the favor of those eager to bestow "something for nothing."

It has taken time, but the building of the Fairbury hospital should make citizens of Fairbury proud for a long time to come.

(Taken from the Fairbury Blade)

History of the Building of Our New Hospital



*From small seeds
great trees grow
... and so has grown
our hospital!*

The history of the Fairbury Hospital is a story of determination . . . self reliance . . . a spirit of cooperation and pulling together to accomplish the fulfillment of a dream that has now become a reality. From a two-story wooden structure . . . in the short span of 41 years . . . it has grown into an impressive three-story hospital equipped to give you up-to-date modern hospital care that keeps pace with the advancement of medical science.

The idea of a hospital took roots in 1911 when a Mrs. Veters assisted by Miss Rachel Olsen opened a nursing home above the building now occupied by the Fairbury Bakery. As the community grew and medical science progressed . . . a larger and a better equipped hospital was needed to serve the community to the best advantage. Through the efforts of the late Dr. J. H. Langstaff, Dr. Rayburn and others of the city, a site for the new hospital was chosen . . . the residence structure of John Monroe, located at 313 West Oak Street.

What followed showed the big hearts the citizens of Fairbury and the surrounding area possessed . . . and the hospital became truly a community project. Without any persuasion . . . the citizens banded together and gave freely of their time and talents to remodel the residence. The public felt that the hospital was their responsibility . . . that it was there to serve

their need and that they must help to make it a good hospital. Local carpenters donated labor and tools and began remodeling the inside. Local decorators painted walls, refinished woodwork and polished floors. Local merchants gave materials freely. No outside donations or help was sought. None was needed! It was on February 2, 1914, when the new hospital was formally opened to the public and continued to serve the community and the surrounding area until 1928.

Again the need to step forward was felt, and on January 29, 1928, the hospital board, bidding at public auction, purchased the estate of Frieda Munz Scharlach for \$6,155. The public again needed no urging to participate in helping to remodel this large rambling house into a hospital. An addition also was built to give the hospital an operating room. Labor, time, materials and skill again were donated by many people. The American Legion also was very generous in contributing toward this hospital. It was on August 17, 1929, when the doors were proudly thrown wide open and the public was invited to view their cooperative handiwork. Because of this progressive step in the building of the Fairbury Hospital which was then a ten-bed hospital with a large kitchen, a nursery, a dumb-waiter, elevator, reception office, and other refinements is what made the community very happy with its accomplishments.

The history of the Fairbury Hospital is a step-by-step operation . . . growing bigger and better . . . created by the hands and hearts of the generous public. On October 1, 1941, ground was broken for a special new obstetrical unit. A year and a half later . . . on February 13, 1943 . . . the unit was opened for public inspection.

Credit for unstinting devotion of time and determination must be given to the Supervising Hospital Board at that time . . . Dr. W. A. Marshall, President; Dr. F. H. Miller, Vice-President; Miss Mae Bennett, Secretary; C. R. Voris, Treasurer; J. N. Bach; Mrs. Kate Huntoon; Dr. H. L. Lockner of Chats-

worth; Dr. C. G. Shaddle, of Forrest; Dr. C. E. Branch of Piper City; Dr. J. H. Langstaff; Mrs. M. A. Anderson; Mrs. Orville Lange; Mrs. Walter Burt; Mrs. Jessie Powell; Mrs. Edward Carlson and M. D. Fugate. The Building Committee for this addition was: M. D. Fugate, chairman; Mayor Klopfenstein; Dr. Miller; C. R. Voris and Edward Lange.

On August 9, 1950 . . . the second phase was attempted in the building of the new hospital . . . it was the excavation of the second wing. Once more the accomplishment was the result of community effort.

Excavation on the third and final section of the hospital was completed by mid-May of 1952. The public not only gave freely of time and labor but also dug deep into their purses. At a single pledge night banquet, \$24,174 was raised. Canvasses and special donations brought total donations and pledges for the final section to approximately \$112,000. But, an additional \$38,000 still was needed to bring the unit to completion . . . due to rapidly rising costs. Generously, the citizens of Fairbury and surrounding community again met this obligation. The long awaited day came in October, 1953, when the opening date for the latest hospital addition was announced by the hospital board.

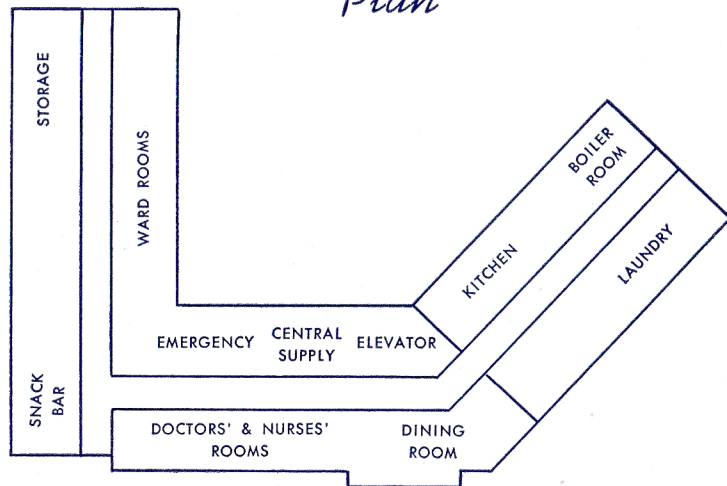
The new Fairbury Hospital today stands as eloquent evidence of an outstanding accomplishment . . . an institution which is an outgrowth solely of community spirit. Now the eyes of the citizens are focused on the future . . . and look forward with hope and zeal to keep up with the progress of medical science . . . so that the people of Fairbury and the surrounding territory may enjoy the benefits of modern hospital care when the time and need arises.

To the thousands of people who have made this hospital possible and who have contributed in any way in developing this hospital, we express profound gratitude and thanks. To all who enter these doors in need of the hospital care which our fine facilities offer, we pledge ourselves to give the very best of service.

THE FAIRBURY HOSPITAL

KITCHEN . . . We have outgrown the facilities of our present kitchen, which was built to handle about 25 patients, instead of 50 or 60. We estimate it will take around \$10,000 for this project. If money is available, we intend to start this remodeling within the next month. Certainly these facilities are very vital for efficiency in our meal service to the patient. We have been able to offer the patients the best of food and service in the past, and we want to continue to do so.

1st Floor Plan

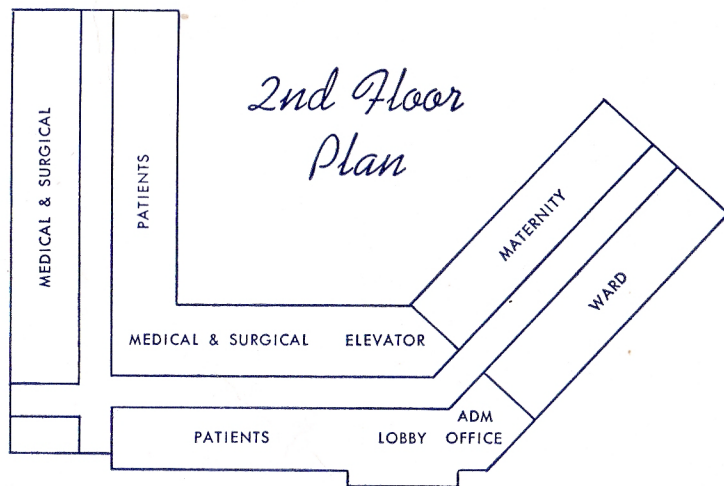




MATERNITY WING . . . The beautiful and large maternity section of the hospital was built in 1943. The maternity wing is located in the south section of the building and can care for 11 mothers at one time.

The nursery is all enclosed and is provided with every modern facility . . . to care for the newborn. It has 12 bassinets and 1 isolette, or incubator for premature babies.

LABORATORY . . . Laboratory examinations are another important means of helping the doctor to diagnose your special case. The laboratory analysis of even a mere drop of blood can reveal many things to your physician and help him in the correct treatment of your case. The intricate and delicate equipment used in the laboratories is provided in your new hospital for the use of specially trained laboratory technicians.



Cost of Hospital

Investment in Equipment.....	\$ 51,041.25
Cost of O. B. Wing (1941-43).....	36,352.12
Cost of North Medical & Surgical Wing (1950-1951)	93,241.20
*Approximate cost of Administration Section (1952-1953)	145,000.00
Estimated Cost of Remodeling Kitchen.....	10,000.00
TOTAL INVESTMENT UPON COMPLETION.....	\$335,634.57

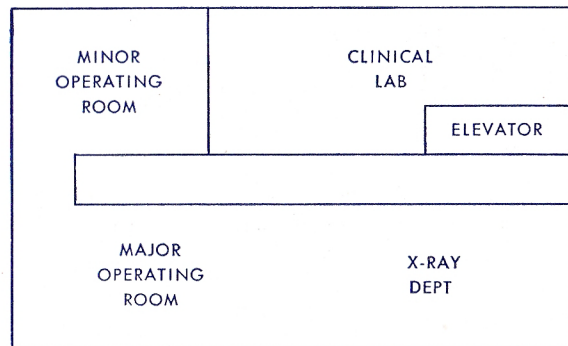
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TWO OPERATING ROOMS . . . To help your surgeon and save precious minutes which often save lives, the best equipment available has been provided in these two extremely important rooms. The operating rooms are equipped with the latest type of furniture and are air-conditioned for the comfort of the patient. They also contain X-ray viewers to enable the surgeon to look at X-rays and be guided by these important aids to medical science

while he works. The floors and all electrical outlets are of the explosion-proof type, for the greatest of safety.

LAUNDRY . . . Sanitation and cleanliness are an absolute necessity to the patient's well-being and comfort. That's why the laundry in a hospital has a tremendous task, because each patient uses about ten different articles each day which must be spotless . . . and germ-free. Also, all the doctors' gowns, nurses' uniforms and kitchen linens must be laundered in the hospital. The Fairbury Hospital can very well boast of its own laundry which includes two huge washers and two dryers.



*3rd
Floor
Plan*

MAINTENANCE . . . The upkeep of the hospital is also very important for the comfort of the patient, and maintenance has received serious consideration in the planning of the hospital. Even the boiler room is an example of efficiency and compactness.

OTHER FACILITIES . . . The hospital also has an out-patient department, special emergency room for accidents. Also, for the convenience of the visitors, there is a snack bar and gift-shop in the hospital, operated by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hospital. Plans are also underway for a patients' library. There is a telephone outlet in each new room, for those who wish phone service.



X-RAYS . . . good up-to-date X-ray facilities are extremely important to a physician, as they give him assurance of correct diagnosis and help him in the proper treatment of the patient. We have secured the latest and the most modern equipment for the X-ray room. The entire room is lined with lead, and the windows are light proof. A dark room for the development of X-ray films adjoins the X-ray room, to make it possible to develop the

films with speed and efficiency.

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